

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and further and favorable consideration of the subject application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 are respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Office Action mailed April 5, 2004 indicated that the word "layer" previously appearing in the claim 1 was omitted in the amendment filed January 29, 2004. The word "layer" was unintentionally omitted from the previous amendment and has been reinserted by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

From the foregoing, further and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

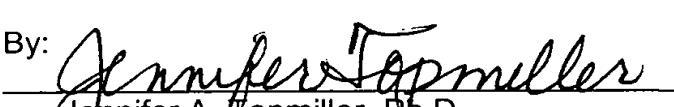
If there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited

Respectfully submitted,

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